



MARYLAND SISTER STATES PROGRAM

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About the Program

The award-winning Maryland Sister States Program was established in 1980 to provide a forum for the promotion of international cooperation and understanding. Through broad-based citizen participation in a wide variety of exchanges in areas of mutual interest, the Sister States Program offers countless opportunities to develop partnerships around the world in:

- art
- business
- culture
- education
- film
- health care
- law
- professional development
- sports
- transportation
- women's issues, and more.



The Maryland Sister State Relationships

The Maryland Sister States Program currently includes nine relationships on four continents:

- Anhui Province, China 1980
- Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan 1981
- Nord-Pas de Calais, France 1981
- Walloon Region, Belgium 1989
- Gyeongsangnam-Do, Korea 1991
- Lodz Region, Poland 1993
- Leningrad Oblast/City of St. Petersburg, Russia 1993
- State of Jalisco, Mexico 1993
- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 1999
- African Sister State COMING SOON!

Sister State Relationships Making a Difference



- Maryland University Presidents' Forum, Anhui, June 2006
- Towson Towne Recreational Council Lacrosse teams visit Japan, July 2005
- Lodz doctors visit Johns Hopkins, July 2005 & September 2006
- Leningrad Oblast municipal leaders to meet with the Maryland Municipal League, October 2006
- Public security and crime prevention cooperative program, Maryland and Jalisco, established January 2004
- "The Grael Project" fundraiser for the children of Rio de Janeiro, April 2006

Member of Sister Cities International

The Maryland Sister States Program is a member of Sister Cities International which is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnerships between U.S. and international communities. Headquartered in Washington, D. C., Sister Cities International and its organizational members strive to build global cooperation at the municipal level, promote cultural understanding and stimulate economic development. Currently, Sister Cities International represents over 2,500 communities in 126 countries around the world.

